

Haryana SUC Candidate Abducted by Police

Haryana CM Supervising house to house search for Com Ram Prashad

On 19th January 1975 the police abducted Com. Ramprashad of Lakhna Majra, a veteran peasant leader of Haryana to frustrate the filing of his nomination for the Meham Assembly Constituency, Haryana, as a SUCI nominated Left Front candidate in the ensuing by-election of the Haryana Legislative Assembly. The recently formed Left democratic Front, at a meeting nominated Com. Ramprashad as its candidate for the Meham seat.

Com. Ramprashad was the popular choice of the "chaubeesee", a traditional council of village elders. A meeting of the "chaubeesee" was called on 19th January to name its candidate for the by election to the state assembly. There was elaborate police "bandobust" which was aimed at terrorising the people. Com. Ramprashad addressed the meeting of the "chaubeesee" and this council of village elders overwhelmingly supported his candidature in the Meham Assembly constituency. But immediately after the address of Com. Ram Prashad, he was chased from the meeting by the police and later overpowered and abducted by them to some unknown place. Later on at the intervention of the local people who resisted this heinous act of the police, Com Ram Prashad was rescued. The police then conducted house to house search throughout the city of Meham and it is reported that the Chief Minister of Haryana personally supervised this search for Com. Ram Prashad.

Com. Ram Prashad has however, been able to file his nomination paper for the ensuing by election at the Meham constituency, Haryana. Com. Ram Prashad is the only left candidate and as has been already pointed out he has been selected as the candidate of the left democratic front, recently formed

in Haryana. But here also the role of the CPI(M) which is a constituent of the left democratic front is very queer. The CPI(M) supported the candidature of Com. Ram Prashad in the meeting of the left democratic front. But later on, instead of extending all support to Com. Ram Prashad, the only left candidate the CPI(M) is supporting the BLD candidate and putting pressure on the SUCI to withdraw the candidature of Com. Ram Prashad.

This behaviour of the CPI(M) is quite understandable. Keeping in view the ensuing election the CPI(M) wants to flirt with Charan Singh the BLD leader who has considerable political influence in the region. The CPI(M) wants to get through any probable surprise election with the help of BLD. But this help will not be readily available unless the CPI(M) pays for it and by supporting the BLD candidate at the Meham constituency and putting pressure on the SUCI to withdraw the candidature of Com Ram Prashad the CPI(M) is preparing the necessary ground work. This is sheer opportunism.

All sections of the democratic minded people must realise the present situation and it is hoped that they will come forward to support Com. Ram Prashad, and crown him with a glorious victory at the ensuing assembly by-election.

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Make the Students' Protest Rally A Grand Success

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APPEALS TO THE STUDENTS

The All India Committee of AIDS0 has decided to organise a massive protest rally before the Parliament in New Delhi on 25th February '75 and a deputation will wait upon the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi for submitting a memorandum embodying the vital demands of students life. On the following day, the 26th February '75, a mammoth gathering of the students, youths, teachers, professors and intellectuals will be held in New Delhi. Com. Shibdas Ghosh, one of the most eminent Marxist philosophers of the present era, will be the main speaker and will discuss on the "Present situation and the tasks ahead of the students and youths of our country".

This protest rally comes off at a time when the entire life of the people of this country has been overcast with a deepening crisis. The scene in education is a particular testimony to the state of anarchy, chaos and disorder gradually descending on this land. During the independence movement against the British rule, the Congress had pledged to eradicate illiteracy, democratise education system and open the scope of education to all people. But after all these years since its coming to power, 70% of the people still remain illiterates, the expenses of education have grown prohibitive, and the Government has already implemented the policy of curtailment of the scope of education through such plans as the "Seat Restriction Scheme" and the Three Years Degree Course and is out to curtail it further through

ground of corruption and the standard of education has reached a ridiculous level. The bureaucracy is only seeking to curb the autonomy of the educational institutions on the plea of ridding them of corruptions.

The AIDS0 warns that whatever may be the attempts of the ruling Congress party, the protector and custodian of capitalism in our country, to get rid of the crisis of the present day moribund and decaying capitalism it is sure that one crisis would bring in its wake another deeper and devastating crisis. In fact, the cumulative effect of all round exploitation during the last 27 years since independence, severe economic crisis, unprecedented price

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Massive All-India Students' Protest Demonstration before Parliament

On 25th FEBRUARY '75 at 2 p.m.

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CENTRAL RALLY IN DELHI

On 26th FEBRUARY '75

Main Speaker : Com. SHIBDAS GHOSH,
eminent Marxist philosopher

Subject :- Present situation and task ahead of the Students and Youth of our country.

The World Capitalist Economy in Crisis

The sick old Capitalist order is again on a bout of its violent convulsion. The prospect of the present recessionary trend in the world capitalist economy sliding into a prolonged spell of depression bringing again in the scene multiplication by several times the harrowing experiences of the great Depression of 1930's and the blind alley now lying before them have made those bourgeois economists, politicians and intellectual henchmen gloomy and nervous who just the other day were telling with an air of bragging that the teachings of Marxism-Leninism had become obsolete and that modern capitalism was capable enough to by-pass the inherent contradictions of capitalism and the laws governing them!

To their utter frustration, the dialectical law of historical development asserts and reasserts, testifying its immutability. So, the overall crisis in the capitalist system has once again brought to bold relief the urgent task of overthrowing this old and outmoded system to save mankind from colossal waste and decay. But this can only become possible if the working people can bring about a revolutionary upsurge in their movements. This applies with equal force in our country where overthrow of the bourgeois order i.e. the task of anti-capitalist socialist revolution must be placed on the agenda. Otherwise all talks of social revolution are doomed to empty verbiage or pious wish. The great teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the leader and teacher of SUCI and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era have all along been instilling the oppressed masses with this truth. The teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the toiling people, appear to-day with greater glory, testified by concrete historic experiences.

For the sick capitalist world, today, dwindling rate of growth, feverish spurt in prices, swelling number of unemployed, energy crisis and a complete chaos and disorder in monetary mechanism appear now symptoms of uglier convulsions going inside the very economic system. The picture is the same for the economies of giant imperialist-capitalist countries as well as the developing capitalist countries, only they differ in degrees.

The declining trend in the growth figures of the giant capitalist countries is quite noticeable. After the summer of 1973, there has been a distinct shift to lowering down of industrial output. In the first quarter of 1974, as compared to the closing quarter of the past year, industrial output was down by 7.3 p.c. in Great Britain, 1.7 p.c. in the USA and 1.5 p.c. in Japan. Excepting Japan who could somehow square up the deficit, all the other giant imperialist-capitalist countries finished the year with minus figures in growth rates. Seen retrospectively the industrial development of the capitalist world was nil in 1955, down by 2.5 p.c. in absolute terms in 1958. The increment was only 2.5 p.c. in 1967, 2.7 p.c. in 1970 and as little as 2 p.c. in 1971.

But even for this paltry growth in output, the economies of these giant capitalist countries had to go through the ordeal of price inflation or in other words rise in cost of living for the working people. So, in 1973, in the USA, the consumer goods prices rose by 6.2 p.c. in general and retail prices by 20 p.c.; in Japan and Canada retail food prices rose by 15 p.c.; in Britain by 13 p.c.; in Italy and France by 12 p.c. and in West Germany the rate was 7.8 p.c. So, along with the drop in industrial production and rise in prices of essential commodities, in all these advanced capitalist countries, there were corresponding rise in cost of livings and unemployment figures denoting further aggravation in sufferings of the working

Teachings of Marxism-Leninism Reassert

people. The cost of living increased in the USA in 1971 by 4.3 p.c. and in West Germany by 5.2 p.c. The picture is almost the same in all other big's. Meanwhile the figure of unemployed is swelling. In the USA, in September, 1974 it shot up to 5.8 p.c. and after the disastrous slump in auto industries, it soared to the dizzy height of 6.5 p.c. and as Paul Samuelson says it will go beyond the landmark of 7 p.c. during the year to come i.e. in 1975. In number registered unemployed in the USA now exceed seven lakhs, six lakhs in W. Germany and twelve lakhs in the UK. The figures show movement for higher region which do not definitely include another vast number of unemployed in these countries whose names have not been registered.

They become all the more horrifying because even these giant bourgeois economies show distinct signs of stagnation with, — percentage of idle capacity of industries on the increase, sagging moral of the investors, mounting energy crisis, swelling trade deficits, shortage of raw materials and food, crumbling down of international monetary mechanism, cut-throat competition amongst the imperialist-capitalist giants on the one hand and between them and the growing ones on the other and on top of all these the immediate prospect of restoration of the semblance of blance for a renewed phase of capital accumulation at a greater rate and speed with existing technology becoming bleak.

And the doctors of bourgeois economies attending on the ailing patients are now openly admitting that their stocks of knowledge and medicines are at their ends. So cries, Prof Robert Gordon, new President of the American Economic Association: "We do n't have a body of

economic theory that is of great help to us in today's world". The bourgeois economists and their clients the Governments are now in accusing spree, each accusing the other for wrong prescriptions but none is spelling out what they think the right prescriptions is! Even what was so long supposed to be the right prescription, massive public spending programme and tax cut to bolster up home market on the Keynesian models are being proved to be of not much help, rather they are generating price spiral. The simple truth that the world is not the same for the capitalists and consequently the nature of crisis of the capitalist system has undergone a qualitative change in as much as it no longer enjoys the relative stability of world capitalist market which was there even in the midst of cycles of crisis before the second world war is being conveniently by-passed.

Not that these bourgeois economists and politicians do not understand this concrete cause that is at the bottom of the present accentuation of the overall crisis in the world-wide bourgeois system. They certainly know the reasons but to spell out the truth means for them self denouncement — denunciation of the very bourgeois productive system which is working as the road block to further development and progress of productive forces and of human civilisation, the defence of which, nonetheless, they have made their life's mission.

But the working class will hardly need seeking answers to their life's problems and for their salvation as a class from the votaries of this rotten and dehumanising system or from its apologists of various hues who are never tired of propagating the myth about the so-called 'progressive character' of capitalism when as a system it

practically outlives its existence causing degeneration and decay of the society.

Working class however, will certainly draw proper lessons for their benefit from the revolutionary teachings of Marxism-Leninism correctly applied to concrete historic materials. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's teachings stand as glorious testimony to revolutionary genius and insight. We therefore, propose to recapitulate the analyses of Comrade Ghosh, on the world capitalist system after the Second World War and the nature of its crisis, supplementing by concrete materials in order to drive home the urgent necessity testified by historic reality, of upholding the base political line of the proletariat which can not be other than overthrow of the outmoded bourgeois productive system, by revolutionary upsurge in order to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat for the socialist reorganisation of the society which is essential for the proletariat and oppressed masses in their victorious march to world revolution.

The causes

".....Before the Second World War, inspite of the all-embracing world capitalist market, the powerful capitalist countries were suffering from want or shortage, as the case may be, of market. Each of the two imperialist power blocs that locked horns in the last world war was actuated by its desire to defeat its adversary in the war, capture the market of its enemy, gain world supremacy and get out of the capitalist crisis of overproduction and excess capital. But the outcome of the war did not justify their hope; it on the contrary, has further aggravated their crisis of market. The slipping out of the vast territory, that now

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Bourgeois Economists Openly Admitting Helplessness to Spell out any Remedy

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comprises the world socialist market, from the capitalist system has contracted the world capitalist market appreciably, over and above this contraction of the world capitalist market as a whole, the sphere of exploitation of the world's resources by the major capitalist countries has further contracted, in as much as many of their colonies have gone out of their monopoly control, by gaining national independence. The bourgeoisie of these newly independent former colonial countries are not only reconstructing the national economy of their countries, which is continuously contracting the market of the powerful capitalist countries, but also, in some cases, coming out as competitors of the major capitalist countries in the field of international trade. All these factors—the emergence and existence of the world socialist market confronting the world capitalist market, the loss of traditional market in the former colonies, the appearance of the bourgeoisie of the former colonies as competitors in the world market taken together have had the effect of contracting the extent of market of the powerful capitalist countries to a large degree. If the all-embracing world capitalist market, which was under complete control of the major capitalist countries before the Second World War, proved to the imperialist capitalists to be too small a place to live peacefully together, it is but logical to conclude that the present contracted market (which is sure to contract still further as more and more colonies will gain national independence) is no more spacious than the head of a pin, compared to their increasingly growing need for more market. The result is that the antagonism between the major capitalist countries has been immensely intensified.

It is true that the USA remains, still now, the main economic, financial and military force of modern imperialism. It still enjoys the lion's share in world capitalist exploitation and commands supremacy in the imperialist war camp. But the *junior partners* in that camp are least willing to take the US supremacy lying down. The British and the French imperialists are making stubborn efforts to oust the US monopolists and regain their lost market. The monopolists of West Germany and Japan, who immediately after the Second World War, were languishing under the jackboot of the US imperialism, have recovered much of their former might, though they have not yet been able to completely come out of the US tutelage. The different blocs, as for example, the Common wealth Bloc, the European Common Market Bloc, etc. operating within the Imperialist Camp itself are manifestations of various antagonistic interests of the powerful imperialist countries. (Call of the Hour, Socialist Unity, July 1, 1962) Excepting that there has been further shrinkage of market for the big imperialist capitalist and further sharpening of competition for share over world market in between them divided in competing blocs or individually and between them and the rising imperialist and/or capitalist countries on the other and consequent loosening of the tight grip of US finance capital over the world capitalist market—the analysis of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, some twelve years ago, with the clear indication as to the probable future trend as well, stands successfully the test of time and historic verification.

We are, therefore, left with nothing more than supplementing the above analysis with concrete up-to-date facts and figures.

First, about the loss of market by the imperialist capitalist countries. In 1923, whereas the USSR the only country going out of the orbit of the world capitalist market constituted only 16 p.c. of territory and 7.7 p.c. of population in 1973, the socialist countries combinedly constituted 25.9 p.c. of the territory and 33.8 p.c. of the world's total, the rest territory and population remaining under the imperialist states and their colonies being only 26.8 p.c. and 19.4 p.c. respectively. The remaining territory of 47.3 p.c. and population 46.8 p.c. of world's total are constituted by what is called the "Third world." In 1938, 30 p.c. of the world population lived under direct colonial rule but today that figure is only 0.8 p.c.

[U. N. Monthly Bulletin of Statistics—March '74, Quoted in 'International Affairs'—July '74]

As a result, the monopolies of the imperialist-capitalist countries which controlled about 90 p.c. of world industrial output in 1930, today control only about 50 p.c. in the background of their enhanced productivity brought about by radical changes in technology. The socialist countries together account for 40 p.c. of world total industrial production and the rest 10 p.c. by the "Third world" countries. Once colonies or semi-colonies, now the independent bourgeois countries have nationalised the key sector in their economies, brought more and more segments of their economies under State monopoly control, developed industries in State Sector and have also been able to wrest about 18 p.c. of world capitalist market—these all combined have caused a fall in dominance and consequent shrinkage of market for the monopolies of the advanced capitalist countries.

Contradiction, however, further sharpens between the developing capitalist countries and giant imperialist-capitalist countries

along with fierce competition between the latter, over the share in the contracting world capitalist market, the sharpest recent expression of which is the increase by four-fold the price of oil by oil producing OPEC, Middle East countries.

Second, the inter-imperialist contradiction has come to a point. The competitive power of the West European countries and Japan, once "put on ration" by the USA after the Second World War, have greatly increased. In 1950's the increase of industrial production of the West European countries greatly outstripped the growth rates in the USA, in 1968-71, US industrial production rose by 1.5 p.c. on the average, while in West Europe, the figure was 6.4 p.c. and for the common Market Six 7.2 p.c. But this increase in productivity of these West European countries was not a matter of rejoice for the working people of these countries. Their standard of living did not show marked increase. This increase in productivity, in the words of the British Journal, "The Economist" was "due more to good luck than good management, mainly due to reconstruction followed by rearmament's, "defence spending", post-war aid, overseas investment and long running deficit in trade balance by the USA and utilisation of under-utilised labour in primary sector." (Statesman 20.1.75)

However, this change in the balance of productive capacities has brought about a change in the distribution of shares in industrial output, export of goods and gold and foreign exchange reserves between the three power centres in the capitalist world.

The figures as in 1973 are as follow :

Country/Bloc	Industrial output	Export of goods	Gold & Foreign Exchange Reserves
USA—	40.9	14.0	80.0
Japan—	10.0	7.6	7.0
E. E. C. Nine—	25.1	43.0	38.7

[calculations based on data of U N Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, quoted in 'International Affairs'—Sept '74]

Third, the weakening of the US supremacy in the world capitalist market resulted in its adverse balance of trade which reached the record figure of 6,900 million in 1972. The USA then turned its face from "war manoeuvre to peace manoeuvre, both of which are two edges of the same imperialist policy" in the words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and waged a "peaceful war" (!) on its rivals for increasing its share over market. At the cost of wreckage of the international capitalist monetary mechanism based on the convertibility of dollar into gold, devaluing dollar by 20 p.c. in two instalments and bringing down counter offensives in the markets of its rivals,—the West European Countries and Japan, over and above its other political advantage over the rivals, the USA could retrieve its position somewhat by increasing its exports by 44 p.c. Thus, in 1973, there was a favourable trade balance for the USA which however, was again threatened last year.

The factors responsible for improving US trade balance bear the marks of bitterest of competition and unevenness in capitalist world. For example, the two devaluations of dollar accompanied by forced revaluation of currencies by the rivals improved the competitive strength of US goods to Japan by 40 p.c. but this had to be doubly secured by voluntary control (!) over Japanese goods in the form of cut in quota in the US market and construction of tariff wall as also subventions to competing US firms by the US Government. This can not be one-sided affair for long nor can it be called a durable solution. Again, even this

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STEEL WORKERS' CONVENTION AT ROURKELA

Under the auspices of Rourkela Workers' Union, a Steel Workers' Convention was held at Rourkela on January 12. Com. Tapash Dutta, President, Orissa State Committee, UTUC (Lenin Sarani) presided over the convention and Com. Pritish Chanda, a renowned leader of the working class and Secretary, All India Committee, UTUC (Lenin Sarani) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and main speaker.

In all 430 delegates from almost all the departments of Rourkela Steel plant and 25 paternal delegates from Durgapur Steel Plants and industrial undertaking of different categories namely, engineering, cement, fertiliser, refractory, ceramics etc. in and around Rourkela participated.

The delegate session was held in the morning. The open session was held in the afternoon joined by a massive rally and two colourful processions which paraded the main thoroughfares of the township.

The convention that began with the Internationale, adopted a condolence resolution on the premature demise of Com. Subodh Banerjee, an eminent revolutionary leader of our people, who was also the Vice-President of All India Committee, UTUC (Lenin Sarani) and observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect to the revered departed leader of the people.

In his eloquent address, Com. Pritish Chanda the main speaker of the convention observed that the convention of the Steel Workers was highly significant because of the fact that it was only under the leadership of the working class that the exploited toiling people of our country would be able to resolve the present all pervading crisis rooted in the existing capitalist exploitative order, by overthrowing the said order through an anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

He further remarked that in the present era of imperialism and proletarian revolution, the revolutionary working class was the leading force that would overthrow the

existing moribund, decadent capitalist system and thereby would open up the door for the uninterrupted industrial revolution and the path leading to growth of higher civilisation with new culture, moral and ethics by establishing a classless society free from all sorts of exploitation of man by man. The working class would never succeed in fulfilling this historic task bestowed upon them only by organising struggles on their own sectoral demands. So while organising their own struggles, they should have to think for the other sections of the toiling people of the society.

They should have to successfully link up their struggles with the movements of the other section of the toiling masses with the sole objective of developing struggle for bringing about anti-capitalist socialist revolution. Each and every struggle should have to be organised in a manner that even if the particular demands were not fulfilled, the participants of the struggle would be able to train themselves up in the spirit of revolutionary teachings and achieve higher moral and ethical standard conducive to the growth of an environment in favour of developing revolutionary struggle in the country.

The main resolution was adopted unanimously at the convention. While observing that the present capitalist political cum economic system was responsible for the all embracing crises namely unemployment, spiralling price-rise, poverty, virtual wage freeze, famine-death etc and regretfully taking note of the fact that a united front of the left and democratic

forces could not yet be emerged owing to the pro-Congress attitude of the CPI and the AITUC and the disruptive policies of the CPI(M) and the CITU, the resolution urged upon the workers to build up a united front of all the left and democratic trade unions on the basis of a common minimum programme with a view to strengthening the united struggle against the main enemy of the people the capitalist class represented by the Congress (R) Government and also against its trade union wing the INTUC.

Another resolution, accepted at the convention strongly condemned the manner in which the wage negotiation committee was constituted by excluding the really representative unions of the steel workers and demanded for the immediate reconstitution of the said committee on the basis of the inclusion of the said representative unions.

Resolutions demanding upward revision of wage of steel workers in accordance with the principle adopted in the last 15th Labour Conference, fixation of bonus as per the formula enunciated by Full Bench of the Supreme Court and the minimum of bonus at the rate of 20% quarters for all workers, reinstatement of workers dismissed from different factories of Rourkela Steel Estate for taking part in political and trade union activities and reinstatement of all dismissed railway workers scrapping of DIR, MISA withdrawal of compulsory deposit of Additional Emolument Act etc. were also passed in the convention.

The convention also demanded the establishment of a second steel plant and opening of the Talehar-Bimlagarh railway.

The convention strongly condemned the retrenchment and suspension of workers in different factories of the Industrial Estates' especially in East

Assam State Committee's concern over Food situation of the State

Expressing grave concern at the severe food crisis which has been developing throughout the state, Com. Asit Bhattacharyya, Secretary of the Assam state Committee of the S.U.C.I. has issued the following statement:-

"We note with grave concern that at the beginning of the harvesting season when the prices of paddy normally decline in Assam price of rice and paddy on the contrary are every day increasing at an alarming rate, that because of the slackness of the Governmental machinery paddy collection has virtually come to a halt and what is more, instead of taking appropriate remedial measures to check this price rise the Govt. has stopped supplying the little amount of rice it had been supplying in recent past to the people of Gauhati and other towns of the State, which in actuality has helped the hoarders and profiteers to rob the people as they like. As a result of all these an intolerable situation has been created.

Criticising the current procurement policy of Govt. of Assam as early

India Engineering and Provat Iron Foundry and the naked and brutal repression on Kulunga Fertiliser workers where even women workers were not spared and demanded a judicial enquiry into the police excesses committed in Kulunga.

Com. B. B. Jena Secretary UTUC (Lenin Sarani) Orissa State Committee, Com. Madhu Sinha, President, Durgapur Steel Workers Coordination Committee and Com. Sk. Qasem, local trade union leader, and Com. Mayadhar Nayak, a peasant leader were among the speakers at the open session.

A new executive of the Rourkela Workers Union with Com. T. Dutta as President, Com. B. B. Jena as General Secretary, was formed at the convention.

as Nov. last we emphatically stated that in order to check the unabated rise in prices of rice and paddy occurring everyday as a result of criminal anti-social activities of the hoarders and profiteers who are receiving indirect encouragement from the Govt. all out State trading (both wholesale and retail sale) will have to be introduced. It means that with respect to trade in rice and paddy Govt. will act as the sole purchaser and the responsibility of equitable distribution in the urban and rural areas will solely rest with the Govt. We also strongly feel that notwithstanding the so-called declaration of 'take over' of whole-sale trade of rice and paddy which the Govt. evolved last year in the name of controlling their prices, prices of these commodities could not be controlled unless the demand for total and all-out state trading is fully implemented and that, for that reason no half-hearted half-baked hotch-potch measures can bring any relief to the suffering people. But the Govt. has rejected this just demand and in this way totally ignored the minimum responsibility of supplying essential cereals to its own people. But as the Govt. has rejected this demand and when even the big leftist parties of the State are also unwilling to accept this demand, in that situation the demand for (1) imposition of levy on big rich peasants in order to collect the entire surplus under their possession (2) unearthing the illegally hoarded rice and paddy with the help of the local people. (3) and equitable distribution of rice and paddy thus collected to the rural and urban people through fair

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Hypocrisy ! Thy Name is Indira!

Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the true and loyal representative of the exploiter, the capitalist class of our society has no scruple whatsoever and is shameless even. Otherwise, she would at least have come to the public when she found that her policies have proved to be an entire failure so far as people's well-being is concerned. She would have confessed that the measures she earnestly believed (!) would yield some real good to the toiling millions, in fact brought about unprecedented miseries to the people. She would have confessed that all her efforts, just like her father's efforts too, have failed—the social parasites, the jotedars, the rich peasants, the monopolists have reaped all the benefits of 'democratic socialism'—pushing all the toiling millions, the real builders, the creators, the producers of all the wealth of the society to utter destitution, to abject poverty, to loathsome starvation. She would have admitted that the slogan of 'democratic socialism' means nothing but naked dictatorship of the capitalist class, the rule of exploitation by the minority, under the smoke-screen of socialism to hoodwink the toiling masses and to pacify their wrath against the exploitation of capitalist system and order. One cannot do good to both exploiter and the exploited at a time. No such system can be really evolved. No such system is scientifically possible. In order to establish the interest of one class, the other's is to be sacrificed. She would admit that by putting into practice 'democratic socialism' she strengthened the rule of the exploiters, helped the vested interest to usurp fabulous wealth, the wealth the toiling millions produced under the sweat of their brow, and have thus brought tremendous miseries to the majority, the toiling millions.

But no! She does not say so! On the contrary she shields and tries to defend all her misdeeds. She tries to shield from the toiling people the real cause of people's miseries and raises a bogey of democracy endangered! After all that has happened to the lives of the people, —the abject destitution of the producers of wealth, for which is solely responsible her and her Government's pro-vested interest policies—her democracy—she had the shameless audacity to say, "Only a democratic system can provide a sense of fairness and protection to the multiplicity of groups, religions and languages, castes and economic interests that make up this vast and wonderful country". On December 31st, declaring open the new premises of the Indian Statistical Institute at New Delhi she further said "when the choice was open for us—at the time we formed our constitution—we deliberately choose the democratic system although we know that it was slower in its ways." In the same

address she said, "there is a new band of critics who find fault with us for not having adopted totalitarian methods....." [Statesman, January 1st, 1975].

She said that only a democratic system can provide a sense of fairness and protection to the multiplicity of groups etc. How fantastic and ridiculous a claim! is it not? After twenty seven years of rule of democracy, —provincialism, parochialism, communalism have reached a new height in this land of ecstatic democracy! One community disbelieves the other, one province is at daggers drawn against the other. People not only do not feel the sense of fairness, on the contrary they are so discontented that they feel dominated and exploited by one sect or another and the ruling class and party easily sow the seed of parochialism so that people can not unite against exploitation. If fairness prevailed people would have behaved differently. That is what we observe in the socialist countries—people of different races

and culture, different languages and religions live in perfect harmony and the process of cultural unity is constantly getting strengthened—a fact even the imperialist agents can not deny. And just opposite is the picture in the highly developed capitalist imperialist countries even. We find after the lapse of a hundred or even two hundred years of democratisation, racialism and racial problems is once again coming out in the surface—racial riots, oppression to minority, communal disturbances are occurring time and again. What do all these prove? And she talks of "fairness"!

We do not intend to enter into a long discussion here on socialist system. Suffice it to say that it is a democratic system—democracy for the majority—rights given to the majority—proletarian democratic system. Suffice it to say that in proletarian democracy rights of private expropriation of the social wealth produced socially, i.e. by the labour of the members of the society, are denied. Unlike the bourgeois democracy, proletarian democracy denies the rights of hoarding, black marketing, the rights of earning super profit, in a word private expropriation of the socially produced wealth which is the root cause of all the miseries of the toiling people of India as well as the toiling people of all the imperialist-capitalist countries.

She wanted to mean that a socialist system cannot provide a sense of fairness to different economic interests—a bourgeois democracy can. No madam, bourgeois democracy too can not provide fairness to different economic interests. Whereas it helps strengthening and only aims at consolidating the rule of exploitation, cause of the vested interest is maintained—the rich becomes richer—the possessor of wealth becomes wealthier—and naturally

the toilers interest is denied, the poor becomes poorer. It is so vividly objective that nobody can deny the truth. So when she said that only democracy can provide sense of fairness to different economic interests she either deliberately lied or she is a simpleton! And she is the Prime Minister of India!!

You said madam, that there are some forces who are critical about you for not taking the totalitarian system. If by totalitarian system you meant an autocratic system—well, you have already done away with the limited bourgeois right and have become a worst autocrat! If by totalitarian system you meant dictatorship—military or one man dictatorship—you are no less a dictator and in fact bourgeois system is the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie over the proletariat. If by totalitarian system you obliquely wanted to mean the socialist system—we agree it is a dictatorship of the proletariat, dictatorship over the bourgeoisie, the minority, the exploiter. You of course admitted, and thanks for the admission madam, that some totalitarian countries have put all their people to work (we know of no other country that have put all their people to work, other than the socialist countries, so we take that you have meant the socialist countries). Yes madam, socialist countries have done away with unemployment—because unemployment means depriving the society of wealth that the unemployed could produce. It is an offence. The state has the obligation to give employment to all the able persons. Right to work is a basic right of the people of a socialist country. But does your democracy provide that? The answer is certainly in the negative.

But as to your charge that socialist system does not provide sense of fairness to different

economic interests—we agree. Yes, my dear lady, we agree that the socialist system is unfair to the exploiters, unfair to the vested interests but fair to the majority, the producer of wealth of the society. We declare unequivocally that it is the transition stage, a stage before communism. In order to attain communism, this stage is the essential intermediate in which, we agree, coercion remains, state, the coercive apparatus remains. But it coerces only the exploiter class. Only when the forces who would gain by capitalism, would want to revert the society towards capitalism—these forces will be suppressed for the interest of the majority. With the advancement of socialism individual interest will get identified with social interest, labour becoming prime of life, a perfect classless condition will develop—the need for coercion will no more be there, the coercive apparatus, state, will become useless and so will wither away—then only, the human society will enjoy real freedom, democracy in its real essence will blossom in the human society. But till then, so long classes exist democracy has but a limited sense. To whom democracy is offered—to the exploiter or the exploited. The toiling people can never accept your democracy as fair. Moreover, toiling people can do without you, without the class of which you are the representative.

And moreover, dear lady, talk of democracy from you! Hypocrisy! Thy name is Indira! She who with all barbaric measures, that would even shame the worst fascist, oppressed the railway strikers during the great railway strike and are still continuing revengeful victimisation, talks of democracy! She who in order to suppress the people's discontent and voice of protest against the all pervading crises the people are put into, are bringing and enacting

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Overthrow of Capitalism—the only answer to the present ills of Capitalist World

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competitive edge gained by the USA has been mostly concentrated on high technology-intensive goods like planes and air craft, engines, electronic computers, machinery and equipment, ninety percent production of which has been monopolised by the US multinationals in the capitalist world because of high cost of capital investment on technology and talents. This 'technology gap' and gap in resources will not long persist for in Japan and West European countries the multinationals have already come in the field and are becoming successful competitors to the US multinationals.

Moreover, the impact of fuel crisis has not been even for all these giants. USA is most favourably placed both in terms of being a major oil producer and in terms of the fact that oil constitutes only 47 p. c. of its domestic energy consumption as compared to 64 p. c. in Europe and 80 p. c. in Japan. Japan imports 100 p. c., Europe 98 p. c. and the US only 38 p. c.

The sum total of all these factors led to deterioration of both the balance of trade and payments of some of the US rivals. Japan's balance of trade deficit reached 7,500 million last year after a favourable balance of 8,900 million just a year back but it still retained foreign exchange reserves of 11,600 million. West Germany had a favourable trade balance of 11,000 million last year and has gold reserves worth 33,100 million which is double the US reserves.

So, the inter-imperialist contradiction and conflict are finding bitterest expressions in attacks and counter attacks between the rivals for keeping their hold or its extension in world market. These offensives and counter offensives encompass the most diverse fields from competitive devaluation of

currencies, revaluation of gold, trade and commercial bilateral pacts and agreements, political relations, export of capital through joint ventures etc.

The intense sharpening of this competition between the giant imperialist-capitalist countries for share over market is the basic cause of war which aims at forcible solution of the problem of redivision of market in the capitalist world. So Lenin's thesis that so long imperialism exists, the possibility of war remains because as Stalin very aptly said: "the struggle of the capitalist countries for markets and their desire to crush their competitors proved in practice to be stronger than the contradictions between the Capitalist Camp and the Socialist Camp," ["Economic Problems of Socialism in the U. S. S. R."—pp 41] is still valid, today.

But this war need not necessarily take the form of a global war, it may be in the form of localised war as we recently witnessed in the Middle-East, the recurrence of which is growingly becoming a talking matter, today.

Fourth, as a new factor in the power balance, and particularly sharp expression of the contradiction between the 'Third World' countries and the advanced imperialist capitalist countries within the world capitalist camp has appeared the retaliatory measure of the oil producing OPEC power bloc of Middle East and Gulf States. It has caused a yearly trade deficit on oil account to the tune of 60 billion to be shared by the capitalist world in general and mostly by the advanced imperialist-capitalist countries. It was in the latter half of 1973 that the Arab and Gulf countries used oil as a political weapon against the USA who was running a war against them by proxy but this increase in oil price by fourtimes and restriction on its use have been going on because

of underlying economic and political reasons.

Like the countries exporting raw materials such as coal, iron-ore, copper and various agricultural products, these oil producing countries were also being bled white by foreign monopolies mostly of US origin so much so that whereas in mid '73 extraction of a ton of oil in West Asia cost only 75 cents its selling price in the world market was between 21 to 22 dollars thus giving a fabulous profit to these monopoly firms. Besides, from the insatiable greed of profit hunting by these foreign monopolies this finite source of energy was being recklessly exhausted. Now, after this embargo on the extraction and use of oil and its price being brought to parity with manufactured articles in international market, the oil producing countries have not only been able to turn the table on the giants in the capitalist world but have also greatly improved their own financial and military powers (estimated earnings of these oil-producing countries by 1980 would be 1,200 billion!) thereby destabilising the power balance in the entire capitalist world.

Gloomy Prospect

The prospect of a conversion of this recessionary trend in the bourgeois world into a slump, worsening month after month as it did in 1930's is no longer of secret calculation. *The Economist* says that even the most optimistic calculation holds out that the "slump may deepen through 1975. It seems likely to bottom out in 1976 at the earliest. At best it may be 1977 before the world gets back into its former tide" but it however, expresses its doubt very candidly, thus, "It will be a different place after four years without growth. With luck, cost inflation will have been turned back by heavy unemployment without the

social structure of democracies disintegrating—but at the moment the signs are that we are rather unlikely to have such luck. Even if we do, investment in raw material production and manufacturing will have been depressed, destroying for a time the capacity for a return to long-term fast growth". (Statesman—20.1.75) [Italics ours—Writer].

So, the wailings of the bourgeoisie ring louder today and how hopelessly they depend for their survival at the cost of the working class! A dependence not so sound even to themselves as they witness the fight back from the working people, after a long time, in waves of strikes for prolonged spells in western bourgeois democracies.

But for the severe blow that has been struck on the international working class movement by the Soviet revisionist leadership, this wailing could have been actual mourning for the sick old bourgeois system by those who seek the most unnatural by trying to keep it alive.

The Indian Scene

Notwithstanding protestations and weak defences on faulty logic by the Government of India, recessionary trend has distinctly surfaced although in the latent, it has been there already. The Ministry of Finance of the Central Government, argues that there was "no evidence of a decline in investment intentions" as the demands for funds from the term-financing institutions and capital goods clearances were not falling and that the general price level is considerably higher than a year ago"! Again it cites figures about production of output like steel, cement, cotton cloth, Cotton yarn for July-September '74 quarter to show that there was rise over the earlier quarter.

On closer examination, the fallacies and jugglery become apparent.

First, there is a clear distinction between investment demand and con-

sumers' demand both of which come under the broad category of monetary demand'. That there has been a definite fall in the consumers' demand of cloth, footwear, consumer durables (like fan, sewing machine, electric heater etc) and there is consequent glut of these articles in the market is no secret and the Government's vain efforts to explain away this phenomenon as so-called 'consumers' resistance' gets what it deserves, derisive remarks from the people.

Second, the production figures cited by the Government is a hoax. One can very well see by analysing the production figures for the last six years from 1968-73 that the index of industrial outputs in general declined in the first quarter of the fiscal year and then showed a rise over reduced base in the following July-September quarter but judged as a whole, production of steel, cement, cotton cloth and cotton yarn (cited by the Government) show declining trend over a long period, even for January to October, ten months in the last year. It is sufficient to mention that production of cement has declined by 1 p. c. in first ten months, last year on top of 4 p. c. decline, a year back and that the expected increase in cotton yarn will only touch the production figure of 1969?

Third, since Government's entry more vigorously in the capital market by dividend restriction and the credit restriction policy introduced in commercial banks, new capital issues by public limited companies during January—September '74 were 18 p. c. lower than last year and the industrial houses were relying more and more on term-lending financial institutions who are just substituting for commercial banks lendings. This, therefore hardly justifies Government's claim about bright investment outlook, rather the market indicators show the reverse.

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Curtailing the Purchasing Power of the people, the Government has worsened the Situation

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Forth, the rule of high price even when the market is sinking has for its cause the law of maximum profit of monopoly capital which is universal phenomenon in all the developed capitalist countries and comes under the new coinage of 'stagflation' by the bourgeois economists.

And the Government's explanation even loses its face value as the RBI in its annual report on currency and finance, had no other way than to admit: "as in 1966-67, recessionary expectation in the economy thus seems to be the consequence of the two inter-related factors: the steep rise in commodity prices and decline in investment outlay."

It goes without saying, however that the present recessionary trend in Indian economy in the background of world recessionary trend is not comparable to the 66-67 position. Indeed, the Government, in its slavish defence of the monopolists, has by its misdirection of fiscal economic policies, worsened the situation further by curtailing the purchasing power of the working people, which is already low by wage cut ordinance, increase in indirect taxes, easy money policy etc. which we have analysed before on numerous occasions.

This is to remind our readers the warning of our party after the wage-cut ordinance some six months back. The Central Committee of our Party in its statement pointed out that: "the ordinance can in no way curb the inflationary trend in the least...on the contrary, it will aggravate the very problem...as it will lead to further curtailment of already low purchasing capacity of the common people resulting in more contraction of internal market which in its turn will further dampen whatever little urge for capital investment for

production is there. This will again act as a brake in the process of raising the production-level without which all talk of putting a check on the dangerous inflationary trend in our capital economy is nonsense.

[Proleterian Era—15.7.'74]

That our party's reading has come true to details is no proof of any exercise in astrology but is to be traced to the correctness of analysis of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the beloved leader and teacher of our party with application of Marxism-Leninism to the concrete conditions of Indian economy and its basic problems and this appears again and again vindicated by concrete experiences. What is that analysis? To be precise: "uninterrupted development of industry is impossible today as social urge for the same is absent due to low purchasing capacity of the people and the continuously squeezing of internal market". That is why, "the huge capital that is being formed in the hands of the land-owning class by the selling of crops and which is being accumulated in the hands of the industrialists and commercialists in spite of recession become bureaucratic and idle and not invested.....!" And not only this; let alone new investment even there is no full utilisation of the installed capacity. It means, "the installed capacity of industries and the labour power are forcibly kept idle."

Again, "This very crisis of the capitalist system is obstructing the process of mechanisation of agriculture. Because, in absence of constant boosting of industry the problem of unemployment in towns and cities is also constantly on the increase.....If big farming is introduced and scientific methods are implemented for cultivation then it will augment production no doubt but the question is, how will the capitalist economy of

India face the challenge of the problem of unemployment? Thus the sole contention of the capitalists is to confine and arrest the majority of rural population by very small holding of land in a half-fed and half-clad condition by preserving the anti-quoted methods of agriculture, restricting even the palliatives like the so-called 'green revolution' within a very narrow confine. And this is the "Crux of the land reform policy of the Congress which they are trying to pass on as 'progressive'."

And So, "the main three questions, the question of solution of unemployment problem, the question of modernisation of agriculture and also the question of industrial development,—all these questions are closely related with the question of overthrow of the capitalist economic system and the capitalist state structure as a whole". And as such, "the Indian revolution is a revolution for removing the bourgeoisie from the state-power."

[excerpts from Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's translated version of a speech in 24 Parganas District Peasant Conference—P. Era-July 15, '74]

But as Comrade Ghosh, pointed out in the same speech, not a single party known as Marxist-Leninist other than SUCI is speaking for anti-capitalist socialist revolution to make an end of peoples' miseries, the basic cause of which lies in the very outmoded capitalist productive system itself. The parties like CPI and CPI(M) just in line with Smt. Indira Gandhi's party try to shield the capitalist system as such by apportioning all the blames for the evils in society to a few monopolists thereby vainly attempting to hide the fundamental teachings of Marxism-Leninism, that monopoly capitalism is a particular stage of development of capitalism, a stage of its decay and perversity

at the highest point and that without bringing an end to the capitalist system, without the overthrow of the capitalist state machine as such, there can not be an end to the rule of monopoly capital. And not to spell out this truth, not to educate the oppressed masses with this fundamental teaching of Marxism-Leninism, not to conduct all the democratic battles with the sole purpose of developing the political power of the working class which alone can accomplish this historic

task of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country amount to gross betrayal to the great cause of the working class, the cause of revolution.

So, in order to develop their political power while conducting democratic battles, the class-conscious working people of India will have first to free themselves from the ideological-political influence of revisionist social democratism which defends the capitalist system under so many pleas and these forces of compromise of between labour and capital can truly be isolated and curbed by strengthening SUCI the only working class party on Indian soil.

PROTEST RALLY AT DELHI BY AIDSO

After the successive defeats of the US imperialists in Vietnam, they were forced to sit in negotiation and leave the Vietnamese soil as per the Paris peace agreement. But again when the Vietnamese people are consolidating their positions and the puppet Government of South Vietnam has been in a cornered position in spite of the massive military aid of the US imperialists, they are contemplating to directly launch new attacks against the Vietnamese people. Vietnamese people gained significant victories with sacrifices which have few parallel in the annal of the freedom struggles of the world. But their victory has not been complete mainly because of the disunity of the world socialist camp. Had the unity of the world socialist camp been restored in spite of the ideological differences which should not be somehow patched up but should be thrashed out through prolonged ideological struggles, maintaining a united face against imperialism, the US imperialists would not have dared to launch new attacks and the people of Vietnam would have gained

complete victory without delay. But taking advantage of the disunity of the socialist camp the US imperialists have again decided to send Naval Task Force to Vietnam in their heinous attempt to launch new attacks. Against this move the Delhi State Organising Committee of AIDSO held a protest demonstration in Delhi.

On 9th January at IPM a meeting of the students was held at Delhi Gate. In the meeting a resolution strongly condemning the US imperialist move to send the Naval Task Force to Vietnam and demanding its immediate take back and withdrawal of all other Naval vessels from Vietnamese waters, was placed by Com. Om Prakash Suman Secretary, Delhi State AIDSO and was unanimously adopted. After this, a demonstration was led to the USIS building at Curzon Road covering a long distance. The demonstrators held a protest meeting in front of the USIS building which was addressed by Com. Ashoke Ganguly and expressed their strong indignation against American imperialist designs and pasted the memorandum on the gate.

Com. Chhaya Mukerji's Appeal

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rise of all essential commodities with the co-existence of recently-introduced scheme of virtual wage-freeze of the salaried persons, ever-swelling problem of unemployment, non-availability of food grains because of artificial scarcity created by the capitalists in collusion with the Government, failure to introduce all-out State Trading, both wholesale and retail, in foodgrains and also to bring about reforms in the educational field catering to the needs of the common people coupled with rampant administrative corruption at all levels have created such a suffocating situation that the people have reached at the end of their patience and are spontaneously coming out and erupting with indignation against the present despotic and fascistic regime led by Sm. Indira Gandhi.

But the tragedy is this that the real revolutionary working class leadership is not yet sufficiently strong enough to lead these movements to their logical conclusions and because of the sheer betrayal and utter callousness of the big left parties masquerading as Communists and Maxists—i.e. the CPI and the CPI(M), who give the political leadership of AISF and SFI respectively in the students front, the entire situation is being utilised by the rightist forces who are themselves typical self-seekers and election mongers and are no friends of the people. Not only that; even the big leftist parties, not to speak of the rightists, are trying to exploit the present explosive situation, directly or indirectly, in furtherance of typical parliamentary interests.

But the AIDSO is convinced that since it is the crisis-ridden moribund capitalist system from which all the fundamental problems of people's life are generating, it is imperative to give all these movements an anti-capitalist orientation, to lay the foundation of an

organised and protracted struggle of the politically conscious people with the ultimate object of accomplishing the great task of anti-capitalist, socialist revolution in India.

The massive protest rally of the students, organised by AIDSO, while urging upon the Government to implement the vital demands of students' life will at the same time seriously strive to highlight this correct political approach before the students on an all India scale. The AIDSO is proud of the fact that it is the only Students' Organisation that is armed with the revolutionary teachings and guidance of Com. Shibdas Ghosh, an eminent Marxist philosopher of the present era, who has held aloft the noble banner of Marxism-Leninism and has concretised the teachings of Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil.

Let the students and youths from every nook and corner of this vast country share this pride, take pride in associating themselves with this noble cause and take initiative to make this programme a grand success.

DEMANDS

1. Allot minimum 10% of the Central budget for education by curtailing police and military budgets.
2. Introduce free education upto school level.
3. Introduce secular, democratic, scientific education system and well-co-ordinated, scientific syllabus, scientific examination system, as well.
4. Scrap Seat Restriction Scheme—a device to serve capitalism.
5. Introduce 10+2+2 years course in place of 10+2+3 years course.
6. Instead of three language formula introduce two language formula—mother tongue and English.
7. Stop publication of obscene literature and production of obscene films.
8. The Government should supply text books, exercise books (Khatas) and papers to the students

Hypocrisy ! Thy Name is Indira !

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under brute majority repressive acts one after another talks of democracy! Ridiculous!! Only a paid agent of the vested class would say that you have regard for democracy! The toilers can not. They are experiencing days in and days out the deadening prick of your democracy! It is fascism they call.

But madam! Thanks for your self-exposer! You have inadvertently confessed, when you said "when the choice was open for us....we deliberately choose the democratic system" etc., that your departed father, yourself and your Congress since independence, during the last twenty seven years have been helping the minority section, the capitalists, the vested interests, depriving the majority, pushing the majority to utter destitution.

You wanted to insinuate madam, that socialist system does not provide democratic rights of speech, rights of criticism etc. Nonsense! Utter nonsense and bogus!! The great debate conducted by the Chinese Communist Party during the great cultural Revolution in China a few years back is an outstanding example of rights offered to the people and a befitting reply to all bourgeois charges. And what you have done to your democracy? You have even gone to the extent of completely

at cheaper rates. 9. Ensure students representation in all educational bodies. 10. Stop police entry in educational institutions to suppress democratic students' movements. 11. Provide employment to all and give unemployment allowance till they get employment. 12. Introduce all out State-Trading (both whole-sale and retail) in essential commodities. 13. Immediately concede to the legitimate demands of Bihar movements such as food, employment, eradication of corruption and educational reforms etc.

rigging the election, shattering the relative neutrality of the administration to your petty party interest. Frailty! They name is.....

You say, democracy is slower in its ways! We say, not to speak of slowness, it is incapable totally to do any good to the society any longer in the present era. We could accept your proposition if we found even 1% improvement of the condition of the people during the last twenty seven years of your democracy. But contrary is our experience. The condition deteriorated in long stride since independence and has now reached to an appalling condition—abject poverty, utter destitution, record illiteracy, record inflation! But China, starting from a more backward condition and two years later than India, have today solved all the basic problems—no food scarcity, no unemployment, no illiteracy, no inflation. Why the difference? Is it slowness madam or utter bankruptcy of your bourgeois democratic system?

Moreover, all the established highly developed capitalist imperialist countries i.e. USA, Great Britain, France, West Germany, Japan have fallen into the quagmire of chronic crisis, from which they are finding no way out except temporary relief through militarisation of economy and for that matter wars—of course you too, madam, are finding the same solution to help your capitalist masters, that is why our military budget are ever expanding—and you say, though slow your democracy will one day bring prosperity to the people! Only your boot-lickers, only those who have found in your Congress progressiveness, only those who have found in your "wing" of Congress progressiveness can believe such a ridiculous proposition!

But the toiling people

who are engaged in life and death battle against exploitation do not believe this. It is crystal clear to us—where to you are leading the country. We reject your democracy and promise to develop a mighty uprising of the toiling people to overthrow the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie—to remove your masters, the capitalist class, from the state power and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat, the rule of the majority over the minority.

Student's Protest Day

All Orissa Students' Protest Day was observed on 3rd January in support of the Sambalpur students—demanding judicial enquiry into the police atrocities on the students on 4th December.

The students' protest Day was initiated by Com. Fakir Mohan Mohanti, President of Ravenshaw College Students' Union and other student's unions of other colleges of cuttack and student council members of Sambalpur.

Everywhere DSO organisers took a very active and important role in the observance of the Protest Day.

Comrade Chittaranjan Behera, Secretary Orissa State Committee AIDSO congratulated the students of Orissa for their successful observance of the Protest Day.

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price-shops, can constitute a workable basis for launching a united mass movement at this moment. Also we feel that implementation of these short term demands will bring some relief to the suffering people. Lastly we would like to remind the people of our State that in order to resist this soaring price-rise the pro-jotedar, pro-hoarder, pro-profiteers food policy of the Govt. have to be defeated through a powerful mass movement. There is no alternative to this arduous task. We sincerely hope that without making any more delay the big leftist parties of the State will come forward to build up this mass movement, which is the need of the hour on the basis of above mentioned demands.